



January 24, 2013

Daytona Beach, Florida

Corky opened the meeting at 9am.

Pippin spoke about EMS Office moved across the street, not yet unpacked.

TTP must be submitted to office not longer accept letter from Medical Director, TTP must be submitted. If a new TC opens in your area, must submit new TTPs within 30 days.

Corky:

Discussion on Trauma Centers in Florida. TSA = trauma service areas, 3 in Florida. In original statutes in rules limited number of trauma centers in a area. The rule is non-enforceable. The American College of Surgeons has a trauma system. Level 1 through 5. Hired by the state to review the present system and give a recommendation. Trauma rules and regulations are written in the EMS statues, not the hospital statutes. The CDC Trauma guidelines are not adopted in Florida. We have our own Trauma alert criteria. In Florida, opening of new trauma centers has resulted in lawsuits.

FL-EMS.com go to Trauma section and subscribe to Traumacom listserve. There is rule promulgation on trauma statutes presently.

Corky expressed concern of level of care that is provided when the services of trauma surgeons are diluted with opening of so many trauma centers.

There are presently 9 hospitals making application to become trauma centers in the Miami area. This can cause issues with patient destination. Adult trauma alert patients are suppose to go to the closest trauma center.

Please attend the upcoming Rule Development Workshops Rule 64J-2.010,F.A.C. in Tampa, February 1st, 2013. 9am Hillsborough County Health Department, 1105 East Kennedy Blvd, Tampa, Florida.

Pamphlet 150-9, TTP instruction book and guidelines

Mike Hall spoke to the new specifications of ambulances. Triple K standards are presently in use, but the GSA will not longer keep these up to date. NFPA stated they would take the standards and keep them up, the standards came out and had some unusual specifications, speed, color of chevrons, a lot of things adopted by this group would cost an additional 8 to 12 thousand dollars per ambulance. The AAA is looking at creating an alternative ambulance standard. This would set the standard for the ambulance service; we need to stay on top of this development, as it affects everyone. You can get the standard from NFPA but you have to pay to get the standard. The draft may be available still online.

You are not locked in to build the ambulance by NFPA standards, Florida rules are still Triple K standards.

Legislative update, Matt Kemp:

Legislature starts March or April. Bills filed as relate to Senate bill 56, House bill 83, Titled infant death Sued – will have training requirement for all law, fire and ems. Bill directs DOH to investigate and determine education required for first responders

House bill 195 (Danny's bill) 3rd year, adjust training requirements for HIV, and brings the language of Florida align with National Standards, bill non controversial, does not have a Senate sponsor, but should have soon. Nobody opposes it, should pass this year.

Several bills related to wireless communications while driving. Relates to EMS as this will be a moving violation, and will add money to the EMS trust fund.

House bill 499, Healthcare coverage, telemedicine bill, requires insurers to pay telemedicine charges when they occur. Does not have senate sponsor at this time, but should have soon.

Legislative and Governor's stand on changes for standards for ambulance, if it adds cost, it should not be passed.

Another bill not introduced, but will be, is the impaired paramedic bill, PRN, a private company that provides for practitioners a program when impaired, the cost is the EMS office would be an \$1800 per person, and also a charge to the agency and/or individual. The EMS office cost could be a quarter of a million dollars. How would this happen, EMS does not have a board that would oversee this program, as the other disciplines have, if it does occur, it would be under the department of professional regulation. For future thought, if we did have a board, all issues could be dealt with by the board.

Discussion was help on how to establish a board for EMS.

Meeting adjourned 10:06